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## Charles Franklin Willer, WB9ULN - SK

Charles Franklin Willer, 49, died at home on the morning of January 27, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Kate and two daughters, Elizabeth and Katrina. Other survivors include his parents, Paul & Dorothy Willer, brother Lynn Willer of Sodus, MI and a sister Dianne Willer-Sly of Lake Elmo, MN.

He founded his own audio production company, Audio Architect and performed to many as Chuckles the Juggling Clown. He appeared as radio personality, Charlie Franklin or Choo ChooCharlie, over the airwaves since 1968 throughout the area, most recently with WLDE, Oldies 101.7. He played piano & composed his own original music.

A train enthusiast, he did extensive historic research & slide presentations on area & regional steam trains, interurbans, & trolleys. He served as promotions director for the Little River Railroad & was instrumental in establishing the Three Rivers Railroad Heritage Council, Inc.

His interest in juggling led to co-founding Jugglers Anonymous, the local juggling club and he was known as WB9ULN, ham radio operator, member of ACARTS. Charles was also a member of the Unitarian-Universalist

Congregation of FortWayne.

A Memorial service was held Sunday, February 1, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, 5310 Old Mill Road, FortWayne.



Memorials are to the family or trust fund for his daughters.

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[Editor's note: Charlie was a member of both ACARTS and Fort Wayne Radio Club. Also be sure to read N9FM's article on fund-raising for the Willer family on pg. 10.]

## Advanced SKYWARN Session Canceled

The Advanced Skywarn Session in Elkhart for March has been cancelled, due to the unavailability of appropriate speakers for this event. Work is proceeding to line up speakers for a session in 2005.

Howard, N9ADS

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## President's Corner



A great big thank you to everyone that participated in the annual Fort Wayne Radio Club January Auction. The 2004 edition was a lot of fun as always. Our auctioneers, Jim, K9OMA, and Carl, N9NRO returned for another great job this year. The attendance was about average for the auction despite the weather. We had a number of items donated to the club, and there were some good buys, so it was a good night for everyone.

Of course, the February meeting will be the annual Skywarn training. As you will remember FWRC and ACARTS have a combined meeting for Skywarn and we alternate hosting the meeting. This year is ACARTS turn to host. So the meeting will be a different night than normal for FWRC. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 17 at New Haven Public Library. Again this is a change of nights for February for FWRC. This is always a major event for local amateurs. With the clubs combined there will be a large crowd; so make sure you come early for a good seat. But if you are interested in weather and weather spotting this is a must attend. Make sure you mark your calendar right now.

Several of the FWRC board members had the opportunity to attend a planning breakfast with representatives from the Boy Scouts of America. There are a lot of good opportunities for activities with the Boy Scouts this year. We are also going to help the Boy Scouts set up an amateur station at the scout offices in southwest Fort Wayne off of West Jefferson. Stay tuned for an opportunity to help with those scout activities.

As we look at the calendar we have another good year planned. The March general meeting is scheduled for Friday March 19th. For 2004 we are moving the meeting time up to 7:00

PM because Good Shepherd Church has asked us to wrap up by 8:45 PM rather than the 9 PM requested in previous years. The March meeting will feature a competition for emergency preparedness setups. Who has the easiest station to setup? Who has the smallest station to setup? Who has the fastest station to setup? It does not matter if your station is HF or VHF or UHF or some combination. Bring it to the meeting. Maybe you have some unique idea for the antenna or emergency or backup power. Bring it along to the meeting. This is going to be a fun meeting with an opportunity to see a number of other setups.

And May is both Dayton and the FWRC Spring Banquet at the church. The Dayton Hamvention is the second Friday in May and the Spring Banquet is the third Friday. June is Field Day and we are also finalizing the details for our Chicken Bar-B-Que fund-raiser to be in June this year as well. We are working on a new location for the fund-raiser and it will be a much higher traffic location than last year.

That is only the first half of the year; so, 2004 will be another busy year. Make sure you support your local club by participating in the scheduled activities. See you at the Skywarn training on the 17th.

Tom / N9TB

## February Meeting:

Tue, Feb. 17, 2004, 7:00 PM,  
New Haven Branch Library  
Corner of Green St. & HWY 14.  
(see map on pg. 9)

Program: SKYWARN Training  
Joint meeting hosted by ACARTS  
NOTE CHANGE IN DATE,  
TIME & LOCATION!

## Fort Wayne Radio Club Auction



photos taken by Al Burke, WB9SSE

### K9KI-Ray Cronin Help from Bob Streeter, W8ST

All,

I received a call from Craig Brown (W9CB) about the status of Ray Cronin. This is what Craig passed on to me:

Ray is a past member of FWRC and of ACARTS, and is a retired Magnavox/Raytheon employee.

As I understand the situation, Ray has terminal cancer

and is now hospitalized at Parkview. (From other sources, I understand that Ray has advanced lung cancer).

Ray indicated that he would greatly enjoy "eyeball QSOs" from members of FWRC. He is currently in room 514 / bed #2 at Parkview. The telephone number is 373-5514 (#2 for bed 2).

I understand that Ray receives treatments in the morning on a Monday-Friday basis, and is usually too tired for visitors by evening. That suggests noon- afternoon-early evening visits should be a great help for Ray.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS "COMPETITION"

WHEN: FWRC March Meeting

WHERE: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

WHAT: Bring out your personal solutions for being prepared!

### THREE CATEGORIES:

- RIGS: - Low and high power; easily taken into the "field".
- ANTENNAS: - Portable and powerful skyhooks: easy to erect.
- EQUIPMENT AND POWER SOURCES: - Tuners; batteries; etc.

What do you have for the times when "All Else Fails"? Bring out the equipment that says "I'm ready" !! Use your imagination! Got a QRP rig? Solar power supply? Easy-up all band antenna system? A "station-in-a-box"? A gel-cell battery with charger? Wheelchair mobile? An HT, with a gain antenna and two day battery pack? Whatever you've got, bring it out and show it to the rest of the local Ham community. We don't expect a big speech, just a few words on what it does and why. We're looking for innovation and cleverness!

Prizes: For the top piece of gear in each category, a certificate will be awarded, along with the admiration and respect of your peers! Who wins: EVERYONE!

Let's make this a fun event, with a serious purpose, to be ready for the rough weather that lies ahead.

Steve WB9ZIY

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## President's Message



This month's message starts on a sad note. I must report that Charlie Willer, WB9ULN, a.k.a "Chuckles the Clown" became a silent key on January 27th. Besides ham radio, he was involved in juggling, broadcast radio (WLDE 101.7 FM), and had an interest in steam and inter-urban railroads. He also had his own business where he produced commercials. He produced our infamous Hamfest commercial. He will be missed by all who knew him.

This month's program is our annual SkyWarn training session. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. This is a half hour earlier than our normal starting time. We need the extra time so we can cover all the information. Also we need to be out of the building by 9:00 PM. Remember that storm spotting is not a game, you can find yourself in trouble very fast. When the repeater is in a watch condition, you will hear a "WX" at the end of the transmission. Leave breaks before continuing your conversation so that a station with traffic can get into the repeater. Do not tie up the repeater with needless traffic such as to report that it is raining at your house too. Follow the reporting criteria that you will be given at the training class, or in the spotter article. Most of all be safe when you are out there and do not take any unnecessary chances.

We are still in need of a Secretary, and Activities Manager for the 2004 board. The Secretary takes minutes at the meetings, and maintains the membership database. The Secretary also prints the labels for mailing the newsletter, so a computer is necessary. The club has the software to perform this function. The Activities Manager takes care of programs and refreshments for the meetings. We also have a few non formal meeting activities during the year. If you are interested in either position, let me know. In the absence

of a Activities Manager the board is trying to come up with programs. We can use your input on what you want to see or hear. If you know of someone that would be of interest, let us know or ask that person if they could do a program for us. If you have something that may be of interest to the club, volunteer to do a program. That is all I have for this month, see you at the meeting.

73,  
Vic KA9LTV



## Program for February

The program for this month is our annual SkyWarn training class. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and will be held in the meeting room of the New Haven Public Library. Please note that this is a half hour earlier than our normal starting time and at a different location. We need the extra time to cover all the information that will be presented. We also need to be out of the building by 9:00 PM. - Vic, KA9LTV

## Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

**ACARTS General Meeting:** Feb. 17, 7:00, New Haven Branch Library, corner of Green St. & HWY 14. (see map on pg. 9)

**Program:** SKYWARN Training  
Joint meeting with FWRC. Note earlier starting time and change of location.

**Next Board Meeting:** Feb. 10  
All members are encouraged to attend.





### January 2004 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic stated that Doug, N9NNT, was storing the club cabinets that he removed from Turnstone. He also reminded the members that the club Secretary and Activities Manager positions are still open for 2004.

Doug, N9NNT, said that he had e-mailed the state frequency coordinator the updated information for the club repeaters.

A discussion was held regarding the poor attendance at the club picnic and the Christmas party. The spring banquet has had good attendance. It was decided that the Christmas party would be held on the regular December meeting night to eliminate the extra charges paid to Turnstone for use of the facility on a Saturday night. The possibility of eliminating the picnic was discussed.

Howard, N9ADS, said that Jim, KB9IH, should be made a Life Member of the club for his service as Hamfest Chairman. A motion was made by Vic, WB9UZA, and seconded by Doug, N9NNT. It was passed by a voice vote.

Club Treasurer Howard, N9ADS, presented two budget proposals for 2004. Because club expenses have exceeded income for the past couple of years, several areas of cost cutting were discussed, including charitable donations and club activities and refreshments. Several areas of reducing Hamfest costs were discussed and will be addressed by the Hamfest Committee during their organizational meetings. The idea of raising Hamfest ticket and table prices was discussed. Doug, N9NNT, made a motion that Hamfest prices remain the same for 2004 and that costs be reduced. The measure was seconded by Howard, N9ADS, and passed by a voice vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug, N9NNT, and seconded by Vic, WB9UZA.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

Former ACARTS member Ray Cronin, K9KI is in the hospital. Please read the article on pg.3.

### January 2004 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic asked if anyone had any ideas as to what to do with the club station cabinets as the club no longer has a site for a club station.

He recapped the Board's cost cutting ideas and stated the Christmas party would be held on the regular December meeting night. A discussion as to ways of cutting club and Hamfest costs followed.

Joel, KB9RH, announced that the National Weather Service had confirmed Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. as the Skywarn meeting time.

Howard, N9ADS, presented the 2004 budget to the members. A motion was made by Chris, N8YGO, to accept the budget as proposed. It was seconded by Vic, WB9UZA, and passed by a voice vote.

Vic, KA9LTV, asked if anyone had any ideas for the March and May programs.

Refreshments were served and several members stayed for a few minutes of casual conversation.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

### From Emery, KB9IBW

Hello and best to all in 2004:



While sitting in the Shack on New Years Day, I received a connect on my EchoLink node from an army unit in NW Kuwait. The NCO that I spoke with stated that he was happy to make contact, and that he had wanted to give the Ft. Wayne Radio Club and ACARTS a special thanks for our part in the **Rally For America**. He stated that they were happy to receive positive support, and it really helped the morale of the unit. They wanted to contact us live during the Rally, but could not due to frequency jamming, and the fact that the war started a few days prior to our rally. He stated that the jamming ceased about 1 1/2 months ago.

Thanks again to all who operated, supported, and donated equipment, ideas and other means to make it possible. We will never know the full extent of our efforts.

73 and best wishes to all in 2004.

God Bless America.

KB9IBW / Emery



**Ft Wayne DX Association**

## **IARU Project Goodwill Albania 2003**

### **Part 2 - Meeting the Students and Classes Start**

**Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA**

Bright and early Monday morning, John G3OKA, Warren K7WX, and I met to make sure we were prepared to teach the first afternoon session. Prior to coming, I had made PowerPoint notes for all the topics for the week (that was quite a job, and it kept me very busy during the week prior to our departure). Everything looked OK, so after lunch we walked from the hotel to the Polytechnic University of Tirana to meet the students.

We first met the young lady who was overseeing the students. Her name was Sonila, she has an engineering degree, and she is a Lecturer at the University - thus she was well suited to make sure we kept the teaching at the proper technical level.

The classroom was about 20 feet by 40 feet with a very high ceiling. We had a blackboard, a white board easel, an overhead projector, and a PC projector available to use.

Soon the students started arriving. By my quick count we had 22 male students and 12 female students. The females were pleasantly surprised to find out that Vicky was an amateur radio operator. That was a plus for us - it showed the Albanian students that amateur radio wasn't strictly a 'guy thing.'

The students were in their fourth and fifth year in electronics engineering, and we quickly found out that they had an excellent grasp of electronics and math (as they should have!). Their ages ranged from 17 to 23. Their English was more than adequate for the task at hand (initially we were quite worried about this aspect). The sessions each day ran from 2 PM to around 5 PM, with a 20 minute break about halfway through.

After introductions, I began the first class of the week - a review of electromagnetic waves, ground wave propagation, and tro-

pospheric propagation. After the halfway break I talked about the Sun, and ionospheric propagation followed.

The first day ended on a very high note. Sonila was pleased with the technical level, and Warren, John, and I were pleased with the student's abilities. This set the stage for the entire week.

Tuesday's session began with John teaching antenna theory and standing waves. After the break, I discussed practical antennas. We even built a full size 10m dipole in class using wire, insulators, and a short piece of coax that I brought over. We discussed various support techniques (tower, tree, etc.) and orientation issues (horizontal, inverted-vee, etc.). Since Albania just doesn't have everything like we do, we also discussed alternative materials. I also showed scale models (that I built from brass tubing I bought at Hobby Lobby here in Ft. Wayne) of a Yagi and a quad. These were good teaching tools to discuss directional patterns, booms, masts, and rotators.

I taught transmitter interference on Wednesday, breaking it up into far-out interference (harmonics and spurious oscillations) and close-in interference (transmission bandwidth and intermodulation distortion).

On Thursday, John conducted a practice exam of the material that we had covered so far - and the results were very good. We were getting through to the students. After Thursday's break, Warren talked about DXpeditioning in general (from his operations at XZ0A and 8Q7AA, to name a few). He followed that up with an analysis of a 160m QSO between XZ0A and N0AT via long path. We got into physics quite heavily, and Sonila was very happy with this session.

Friday was kind of a 'fluff' day, as we were winding down. Dan NA7DB and Paul WF5T came over from Durres, and we (including Vicky) discussed how amateur radio had influenced our lives. I then finished the week telling the students about CEPT (European Conference on Postal and Telecommunications Administration - the license they will receive when they pass the exam) and our FCC here in the States.

Next Month: Part 3 - Sightseeing and Playing Radio



## The National Weather Service Storm Spotter Program - Joel, KB9RH

This year's training session for storm spotters will be held Tuesday February 17th at 7 PM (note earlier starting time) at the New Haven Branch Library. The scheduled speaker is Sam Lashley from the National Weather Service office at North Webster. Mr. Lashley was one of the speakers at last year's advanced spotter training seminar. The storm spotter program is open to any licensed amateur who is interested and has attended a training session.

To keep up with the continuing research into severe thunderstorms, some changes have been made in the material to be presented...and with more video. The ever-changing aspect of storm spotting is why spotters should try to attend a training session every single year.

### I. An overview

One of the many public service activities of radio amateurs is the severe weather spotting program, also known as Skywarn. Storm spotters are volunteers that have been trained in the basics of severe thunderstorms. Their job to report certain weather conditions (as determined by the National Weather Service) that are generally associated with these storms. Reports from spotters in the field are used to supplement what is being observed on the WSR-88D Doppler radar at the National Weather Service office in North Webster, Indiana.

### II. Our Area

The North Webster office is responsible for issuing severe weather warnings for 37 counties in northern Indiana, Northwest Ohio, and southern Michigan. For amateur radio operations, this "county warning area" has been divided into four quadrants. Allen County and 10 other counties in Indiana and Ohio are in the southeast quadrant (or Area 2). The 146.88 repeater is the primary repeater for the quadrant, meaning that in addition to our local reports, there are going to be reports coming in from other local nets. In case of any additional needs, the 146.76 repeater has been designated as backup.

### III. Times of severe weather

Whenever the Storm Prediction Center in Norman,

Oklahoma issues a severe thunderstorm or tornado watch for our area, the staff at North Webster will evaluate the situation and determine whether a net needs to be called. If we are activated, a "weather alert" message will be heard just before the repeater tail drops on the 146.88 repeater. The net control will use the club call sign of W9INX. During activation, any stations using the repeater are asked to keep transmissions short and to leave long breaks so that any station with information can get their report into the net. If a storm spotter net is called, the intention is to not disrupt the normal operation of any repeater for any longer than is necessary.

When a storm spotter calls in a report to the net, the report is received directly by a station monitoring at the National Weather Service office in North Webster (call sign WX9IWX).

### IV. What do I report?

Here are the specific weather conditions the National Weather Service would like to know about:

- 1. Tornadoes, Funnel Clouds, and Wall Clouds** (remember there must be rotation).
- 2. Winds 40 miles per hour or greater** (and note if winds are estimated or measured).
- 3. Any Hail** (NWS requests we do not report "marble size" hail). Please report hail size as pea-size, dime, nickel, quarter, etc. Even better, measure it with a ruler.
- 4. Heavy Rain** (1 inch or more in 1 hour or less or storm totals of 2 inches or more).
- 5. Flooding in progress** (rapid pooling of water on roadways, etc.).
- 6. Storm damage** (large trees, branches, structural damage, etc.).

The Weather Service asks that we do not report lightning per se; research has shown that the frequency and type of lightning are not related to the severity of a thunderstorm. However, if the lightning results in a fire, causes any structural damage, or results in inju-





### Spotter Program, Continued from page 7

ries, the Weather Service would like to know about it.

Please do not report any other conditions unless requested to do so by the net control or NWS station. After calling in your report, please remain on frequency for a few minutes in case the radar operator needs any additional information.

If you believe you have a reportable weather condition, but are not sure, report it anyway. Simply report your suspicions, say you are not sure, and indicate why you are not sure (reduced visibility due to heavy rain, poor visibility because of trees, you're too far away, etc.). There may be other spotters in the area who can check out your report, and your suspicions can also be checked out on radar.

There are also times when severe weather occurs even though there is no official weather watch in effect and a net has not been called. If you have something to report, please give your call sign and indicate that you have a severe weather report. Any station with access to a telephone can call in your report to the North Webster office.

### V. Conclusion

Space limitations do not permit a complete discussion of all situations which may occur during a severe weather net. Just remember to use common sense when a net is activated and always put safety first - we want you to be here for the next severe weather event. If you have any questions, please direct them to Bill WD9HII, Howard N9ADS, or to me.

One last note...at the beginning of this article, I mentioned Advanced Spotter training. The information I received just before press time is that there is not going to be an advanced training seminar this year in the North Webster county warning area, but if you have the opportunity to attend a session given by another NWS office, please consider it. For those that did not attend last year's session at Elkhart, I can personally tell you it was very informative and well worth the cost. As a fellow ham commented to me: "I learned more today than I have in the last 20 years".

Thanks to everyone for their help in the past and please be careful. Remember, we are dealing with things that can kill.

from Joel KB9RH

## Alternate SKYWARN Training

If you are unable to attend the training session February 17th at Turnstone, here are some other dates and locations (if known). This information is from the National Weather Service website:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>City or County</u>
Feb 3	6:30 PM	LaGrange County Annex Bldg	Lagrange
Feb 11	1:00 PM	Peabody Library	Columbia City
Feb 11	7:00 PM	Smith/Green/Churubusco HS	Churubusco
Feb 17	7:00 PM	(unknown)	Dekalb County
Feb 17	7:00 PM	Allen Co Races (ACARTS	Fort Wayne
Feb 25	2:00 PM	Huntertown FD	Huntertown
Feb 25	7:00 PM	Cedar Canyons FD	Fort Wayne
Mar 3	6:30 PM	(unknown)	Wells County
Mar 4	7:00 PM	(unknown)	Van Wert County
Mar 8	6:30 PM	Adams Central H.S. (Monroe)	Adams County
Mar 9	6:30 PM	(unknown)	Defiance County
Mar 10	7:00 PM	(unknown)	Huntington County
Mar 15	7:00 PM	Kendallville Public Library	Noble County
Mar 24	6:30 PM	St Rita's Medical Center	Allen County, OH
Mar 29	7:00 PM	Paulding County Fairgrounds	Paulding County



**For Sale - Continued from page 10**

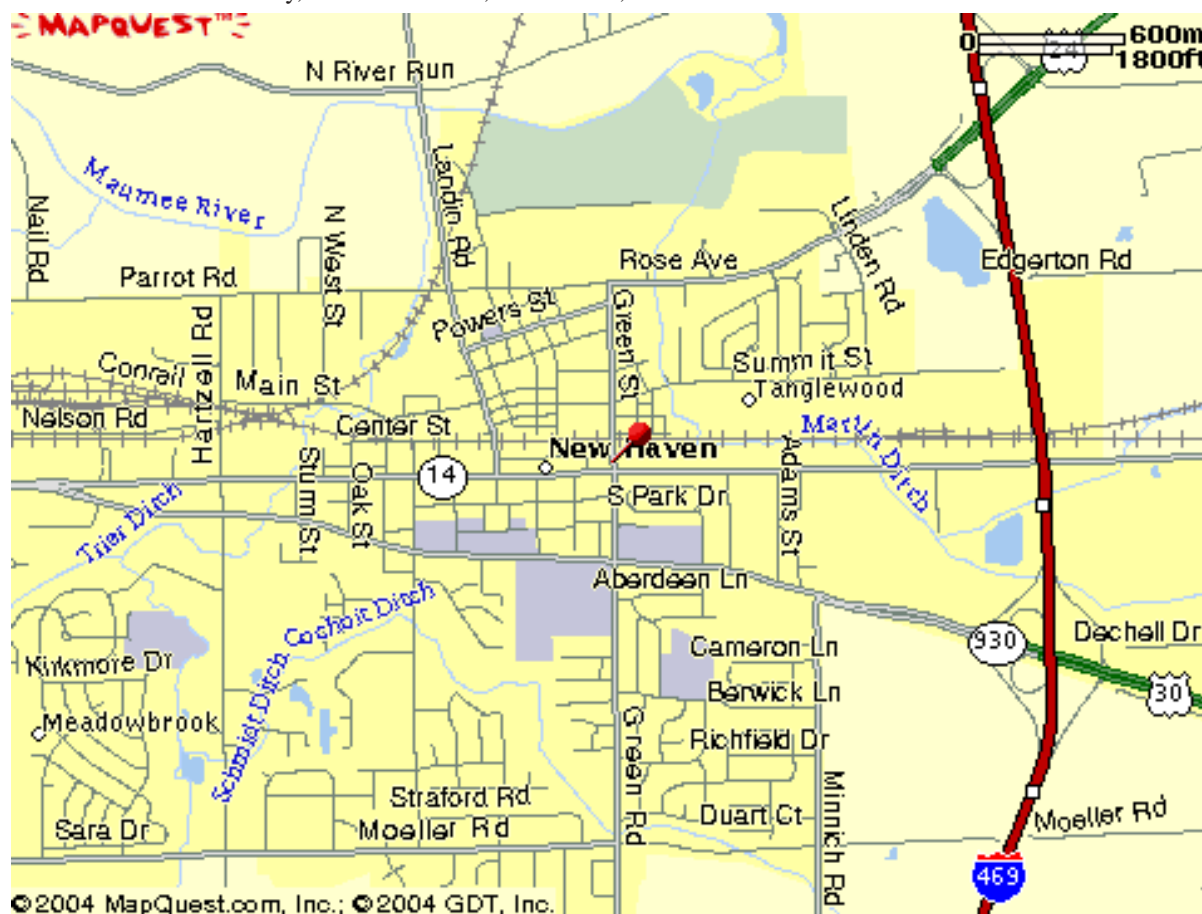
For Sale:

- PC Software: Photoshop Elements version 1.0 - \$15
- PC book: Office 2000 simplified (good beginning book with color diagrams for each function) - \$7

• PC book: FrontPage 2000 Bible with CD - \$12  
 Contact: Don Gagnon, WB8HQS at  
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**Location of February 17 Joint SKYWARN Training**

New Haven Branch Library, 648 Green Street, New Haven, IN 46774-1681

**Regional Hamfests**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>	<u>URL or E-mail</u>
13 Mar 2004	Terre Haute, IN	217-826-1111	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/k9dur/tailgate.htm">http://www.qsl.net/k9dur/tailgate.htm</a>
20 Mar 2004	Marshall, MI	269-964-3197	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/w8df">http://www.qsl.net/w8df</a>
21 Mar 2004	Maumee, OH	419-385-5624	<a href="http://www.tmrhamradio.org">http://www.tmrhamradio.org</a>
28 Mar 2004	Grayslake, IL	847-291-4160	<a href="http://www.ns9rc.org">http://www.ns9rc.org</a>
28 Mar 2004	Madison, OH	440-951-0283	<a href="http://www.lcara.org">http://www.lcara.org</a>
17 Apr 2004	Highland, MI	810-632-5174	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk">http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk</a>
18 Apr 2004	Cuyahoga Falls, OH	330-688-2013	<a href="http://www.cfarc.org">http://www.cfarc.org</a>
2 May 2004	Sandwich, IL	815-754-2558	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/wa9cjm">http://www.qsl.net/wa9cjm</a>
14-16 May 2004	Dayton, OH	937-276-6930	<a href="http://www.hamvention.org/">http://www.hamvention.org/</a>

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm> or <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



## For Sale & Wanted

For Sale from FWRC:

- Hy-Gain TH-4 tribander. Decent condition, on ground, needs new clamps.
- CushCraft 5 element 6-meter beam. Cut for 50.110 MHz. Very good condition, on ground.

STEVE NARDIN, WB9ZIY, 260-483-4039 FORT WAYNE

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## Fund-raiser for Willer Family

- Bob Waugh, N9FM

The Framing Place & Gallery has set aside a considerable area in their shop as a fund-raiser for Charlie's wife Kate and his 2 daughters. Charlie was a prolific music composer and his White Album CD is offered there containing 24 of his best compositions. Charlie plays piano and Bob Savage performs cello. His "Pitcherz of Charlie" CD contains 105 JPG's of Charlie's many comical poses through the years. His beautiful copyrighted 8 X 10 NY Waterfall Photo was shot using a 4 X 5 format camera. In a few weeks, this negative will be scanned at high resolution and offered as a 16 X 20. Also, the Framing Place has 5 X 7 photos of Charlie himself and as Chuckles the Juggling Clown.

Proceeds of these items will go to his wife Kate and his 2 daughters. Also, beginning Monday individual accounts will be set up at Lake City Banks for his daughters' educations.



Bob Sievers, W9FJT, and Charlie Willer, WB9ULN at Zoli's  
photo by Bob Waugh, N9FM

## Test Points

27-Mar-2004

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: WALTER C VOGEL

(419)394-2976

Email: AWVOGEL@BRIGHT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA OFFICE

1220 LINCOLN HWY

VAN WERT, OH 45891



08-Apr-2004

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LYLE L LONG

(574)875-8455

Email: N1LL@JUNO.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER

HOMAN BUILDING

GREENCROFT BLVD

GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CTR

GOSHEN, IN 46525

01-May-2004

Sponsor: FORT WAYNE VE TEAM

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: WILLIAM C HALL

(260)485-3995

Email: WD9HII@ARRL.NET

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

596 DUPONT RD

DUPONT BRANCH

FORT WAYNE, IN 46825

22-May-2004

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH

(419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG

1220 LINCOLN HWY

VAN WERT, OH 45891

## ECHO LINK Info

ECHO LINK NODE:

maintained by: KB9RLW

Simplex Frequency: 145.700 FM only

Node number: 16686

Random connection: dial "00"

Hang up or disconnect: dial "#"

Identify: dial "\*"

## Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - and/or - ☐ ACARTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ -<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$6.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year
Family membership <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$21.00 / year
Student membership <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Associate membership <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year
Mailed newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

### A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year
Additional family members <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Student membership <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Associate membership <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

**1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.**

**2. K-12 or full time student**

**3. unlicensed member**

**4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail**

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club  
PO Box 15127  
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.  
PO Box 10342  
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

### **ACARTS Voice Repeaters**

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority  
147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority\*  
443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### **ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)**

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

### **Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters**

Voice: 146.76 (-) General use  
146.94 (-) General use with autopatch  
146.91 (-) Autopatch only  
444.875 (+) General use  
ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### **Area Traffic Nets**

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

**IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

**Auburn:** meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.36(+)

**21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

**Helping Hands Net:** Mondays @ 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

### **Miscellaneous Nets**

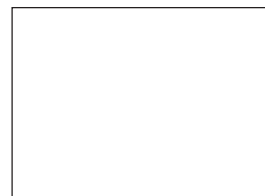
**Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

**Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

**Six Meter AM net (informal):** Every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on 50.580 MHz .

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TO:



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### Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
2/8/04	1:30 PM	foxhunt	offtrack betting lot, Wash. Ctr. & SR 3
2/10/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
2/10/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Turnstone Center
2/17/04	7:00 PM	ACARTS/FWRC SKYWARN training	New Haven Library
3/5/04		deadline for Mar. ACHN items	
3/7/04	1:30 PM	foxhunt	offtrack betting lot, Wash. Ctr. & SR 3
3/9/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
3/9/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Turnstone Center
3/16/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Turnstone Center
3/19/04	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
4/2/04		deadline for April ACHN items	
4/4/04	1:30 PM	foxhunt	offtrack betting lot, Wash. Ctr. & SR 3
4/6/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
4/13/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Turnstone Center